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Summary: Neville never thought he was brave. He never thought he belonged in Gryffindor. No, he was more suited to Hufflepuff. He was loyal and hardworking and had the strong sense of justice and fairness that Hufflepuffs valued. Yes, Hufflepuff would have been perfect for him.

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The Sorting Hat disagreed, however. It said he had his parents bravery, he just didn't know it yet. Neville knew it was wrong. He knew he wasn't brave, and the hat didn't need to lie to make him feel better. He knew where he belonged, and that was Hufflepuff. Neville argued with the hat for a good long while but in the end the hat was just too persistent and Neville relented. He was sorted into Gryffindor.

Neville thought the hat had made a massive mistake.

His gran said he belonged in Gryffindor. Neville knew she was wrong. But she said he was brave every time he visited his parents. It wasn't until years later that Neville realised she was right.

When he did look back, years later, he realised that he _had_ been brave all along. He'd been brave when he'd stood up to Harry, Ron and Hermione in first year. He'd been brave when he'd told Malfoy he was worth twelve of him. He'd been brave when he'd faced Boggart-Snape - in fact, he'd been brave every time he'd attended Potions and faced the real Snape. He'd been brave when he'd defied Umbridge in fifth year and joined Dumbledore's Army. He'd been brave when he'd fought at the Department of Mysteries. He'd been brave throughout seventh

year, standing up to the Carrows and Snape. He'd been brave in the Battle of Hogwarts - not just through fighting, but having to watch his friends get killed around him.

He never realised any of this at the time though.

And it wasn't until he pulled the Sword of Gryffindor out of the Sorting Hat that he realised that, actually, he _was_ a Gryffindor. And it was almost like the hat was saying _I told you so_.

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